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FM AMEMBASSY BANGUI

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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR LOCAL FOOD AND POPULATION CRISIS COMMITTEES

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1. SINCE ANY INITIATIVE IN ESTABLISHING FOOD AND POPULATION OBJECTIVES IN THE CAR WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (GOCAR), THE EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE THE NAMES OF ANY KEY LEADERS IN PRIVATE SECTOR. GOCAR APPARENTLY BELIEVES IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE CAR TO PROVIDE BETTER HEALTH CARE (PARTICULARLY INFANT AND MATERNITY CARE) AND TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION. THUS EMBASSY THINKS IT WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO CONCRETE PROGRAMS OR PROPOSALS IN THESE FIELDS.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS HAD SOME SUCCESS IN OBTAINING GOCAR SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMS AIMED AT SPACING BIRTHS TO ENCOURAGE HEALTHIER BABIES AND MOTHERS. HOWEVER THE GOCAR IS OPPOSED TO ANY PROGRAM WHICH HAS AS ITS ONLY GOAL THE LIMITATION OF POPULATION GROWTH. THE CAR IS ESSENTIALLY A SPARSELY POPULATED COUNTRY WITH A VERY LOW POPULATION DENSITY IN AN AREA THE SIZE OF TEXAS. THE GOCAR BELIEVES THAT THE CAR

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IS UNDER-POPULATED AND THAT THE SPARSE POPULATION HINDERS

AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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